

ODD FELLOWS AT WORK; MUSCOVITES HOLD FORTH

Grand Lodge Begins Its Annual Session Here.

Spends Forenoon Listening to Reports of Officers, Which Indicate Prosperous Condition of Order.

The annual meeting of the Oregon grand lodge, I. O. O. F., convened at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. There were present all the grand officers, as follows: Joseph McNeill, grand master, Roseburg; J. A. Mills, deputy grand master, Salem; W. H. Hobson, grand warden, Stayton; E. E. Sharon, grand secretary, Portland; O. D. Doane, grand treasurer, The Dalles; J. H. Nelson, grand representative, McMinnville; Robert Andrews, grand representative, Portland; M. Svarverud, grand marshal, Eugene; J. S. Lawrence, grand conductor, Coquilla; W. R. Cunningham, grand guardian, Canyon City; C. T. Allingham, grand herald, Halsey, and A. W. Teuts, grand chaplain, of Dallas.

The following grand masters were also present: J. J. Walton of Eugene, C. L. Palmer of Baker City, O. D. Doane of The Dalles, G. H. Burnett of Salem, W. T. Williamson of Portland, W. I. Vawter of Medford, Claude Gatch of Salem, James W. Welch of Astoria, Robert Andrews of Portland, J. H. Nelson of McMinnville and Phil Metcham of Portland.

Grand Degree Conferred.
At the outset of the meeting the grand lodge degree was conferred on 146 past grands. The committee on credentials reported that the grand lodge had a membership of 290 besides the grand officers. Charters were granted to 11 new subordinate lodges at Creswell, Newport, Yoncalla, Woodlawn, Glendale, Nehama, Roseburg, Garfield, Aumsville, Paisley and Tygh Valley.

The business-like demeanor of the Rebekahs was shown from the fact that they also asked for 11 new charters, which were granted. The new lodges will be located at Goshen, Gates, Ranier, Crawfordville, Jordan Valley, Antelope, Newport, Sumpter, Lexington, Fall City and Oakland.

Estacada lodge No 175 was granted permission to remove from Garfield to Estacada. The reports of the grand officers in printed form was presented

FORTUNE FOR PICTURES.

Unknown Portrait by Unknown Painter Breaks Sale Record.
New York, May 18.—At a sale of Princess Matilde's art collection, says a Herald dispatch from Paris, the extraordinary price of \$125,000 has been paid by Comte de Camondo for the portrait of an unknown noble and by an unknown painter of the French school of the 18th century. The painting is a masterpiece and is said to have been bought years ago by the princess for only \$25.

DROPPED THE BANKERS.

National Bank Directors Cannot Serve as Candidates for Electors.
New York, May 18.—A committee of three appointed by Chairman Meyer of the democratic state committee to

and referred to the proper committees. Before adjournment at 3 o'clock it was definitely settled that the election of officers would take place this morning at 10 o'clock.

Grand Master's Report.

The report of the grand master was very encouraging. It read, in part: "From reports received and from personal observation, I am convinced that there has never been a time in this jurisdiction when it was more prosperous than it is today. As may be seen by the report of the grand secretary, 16 lodges were instituted and one re-suscitated, with a net gain of membership during my stewardship of 1154, making a total membership in this jurisdiction of 10,399."

Concerning Odd Fellow Home.

Concerning the Odd Fellows' home, the report spoke as follows: "The Odd Fellows' home, as will appear from the report of the trustees, is doing a good work for the aged Odd Fellows within our jurisdiction. It is a part of the fraternal work of our order to take care of the orphans, the aged Odd Fellows and the widows. It is not a matter of charity, but of duty. The home is another link in the chain of love and affection which bind us together, and every Odd Fellow in this grand jurisdiction is proud of its success."

"This grand lodge and the Rebekah assembly are to be congratulated upon their wise choice in selecting trustees in whose charge is placed this important portion of our benevolent and fraternal work."

Report on Membership.

The report of the grand secretary on membership showed a net gain during the year of 1154 members. There were 11 more working lodges on May 1 this year than at the same time one year ago. Members initiated during the year aggregated 1217. Only 372 members have withdrawn in that time. Four have been suspended, 1 expelled and 56 deceased. The number of past grands is 3,461. Total membership, 10,399.

The average income per member for the year was \$14.73. The total income for the year was \$153,147.19, an increase over 1902 of \$19,034.31.

Fifty-six lodges are on the roll of honor, having added 10 or more new members during the past year. This is two less than last year. The Rising Star lodge of Roseburg leads the list with a total of 174 new members initiated during the year; the Nehama lodge is a close second, having initiated but one less.

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Charms

Steenth Yearly Banquet Irresistibly Attractive.

Members Gather Around Tables, Thoroughly Regale Themselves and Tell Their Right Names.

At the Occident last night the Muscovites held their steenth annual banquet, as stated by the unique program, and held forth until the small hours of the morning with unbounded good humor and joy. When the Muscovites start in to do a thing they do it with a vengeance.

The Imperial Order of Kremlin Baku, undaunted by the drubbing their namesakes are getting from the swarthy Japs, enjoyed themselves immensely. The host gathered by 8 o'clock and spent a good social time until shortly before 10 o'clock, when the Cosacks swooped down on the banquet tables seeking that which they might devour. They found it and it is here set forth as in the official register of the Kremlin:

- Billy Fair and Mean You.**
Oysters—Shelled; little next clams.
Soup—Calf tail; cork; whalebone.
Fish—Real estate sharks; sturgeon; blind herring.
Cold Dishes—Ice; broken ice; stewed ice; cracked ice; broiled ice; fried iceberg.
Game—Solo; casino; old maid; keno; faro; billiards; whist.
Entrees—Fried buffalo robes, stewed cat, buzzard eyebrows, hash with whiskers.
Vegetables—Soft corn, hard corn, corn cob, tight boot corn, sage brush; juniper leaves.
Fruits and Nuts—Peeled onions; horse chestnuts; political plums; snow balls; sour grapes; Adam apples.
Pastry—Apple pie (hand rolled); leather pie with buckles; murganous pie (left-handed); sawdust pudding with mauling sauce.
Liquids—Tobacco and rum; hot water, laundry water, embalming fluid.
Cigars—Stogies, cheroots, tarrad rope.

Official Spouters.

After the banquet proper the official spouters, as set forth by the program, delighted the assembly. The gentleman styled Judge Thomas Franklin Oregon City Ryan filled the post of official announcer. Bob Andrews spoke on the customs duty on imported Muscovites.

Pendleton Alexander discoursed concerning the sage brush consolation for cross-eyed nobles. Following this there was an anthem by the choir, entitled "Saw My Leg Off."

Peter Cooper Wiedemann told how to cure bow-legged czars; g Bilious Ira Vawter remarked on before and after taking the hot sands. Thomas Calvin Auditor Delvin wanted to know what they should do with the money. And then the janitor rendered a breezy solo commonly known as "Hiawatha," with variations.

The here and the hereafter was discussed by Johnathan Portland Finley. Johanna Simpson Foss related the mystery of Baker's Bay town lots. William Thackeray Gardner spoke of boy and girl Muscovites. With zeal and zest did Cladius III. Salem Gatch speak of legislative hairs and their peelings, while Edward Chapel Holman, the popular Portland undertaker, told of the effect of beans on the crepe market.

The official announcer stated that Johnson Clement Jameson sold papers in the Albina hamlet, which was discovered by Lewis and Clark when it was only a suburb of Oregon City, and Jameson spoke on news or not to news. He was followed by Albert Manley, who told of this self-same Albina before the war.

Eastern Oregon Eddy Sharon, who was declared by the official announcer to split the hairs on his head in order to make them go around, spoke on what he knew about hair on the cranium. And after Lewis Clarke Parker told of the effect of music on the Seaside clam the choir sang, "There is One More River to Cross."

Charles Conductor Pye rendered "Punch, Brothers, Punch With Care," but stated that he never used care, but a puncher instead. Augustus Gasplpe Rushlight told of sanitary T joints and Dr. Lord Byron Eating Miller discoursed on the bones of the Muscovite. Dick Milwaukee Scott demanded whether short horn cotswoulds should be dehorned. Dr. South West Stryker told of the foundation of youth, or the slir of life, which moved the choir

Republican Ticket.

- For Congressman,
J. N. WILLIAMSON,
Of Crook County.
- STATE.**
For Justice of the Supreme Court,
FRANK A. MOORE,
Of Columbia County.
- For Dairy and Food Commissioner,
J. W. BAILEY,
Of Multnomah County.
- DISTRICT.**
For Circuit Judge,
THOMAS A. M'BRIDE,
Of Columbia County.
- For District Attorney,
HARRISON ALLEN,
Of Clatsop County.
- COUNTY.**
For Representatives,
C. F. LESTER,
C. G. PALMBERG.
- For County Commissioner,
WILLIAM LARSON.
- J. C. CLINTON.**
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- For Sheriff,
THOMAS LINVILLE.
- For Treasurer,
CHARLES A. NEILBORN.
- For Assessor,
T. S. CORNELIUS.
- For School Superintendent,
H. S. LYMAN.
- For Surveyor,
R. C. F. ASTBURY.
- For Coroner,
W. C. A. POHL.
- PRECINCT.**
For Justice of the Peace,
P. J. GOODMAN.

Democratic Ticket.

- For Congressman,
J. E. SIMMONS,
Of Multnomah County.
- STATE.**
For Supreme Court Justice,
THOMAS O'DAY,
Of Multnomah County.
- State Dairy and Food Commissioner,
S. M. DOUGLAS,
Of Lane County.
- COUNTY.**
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J. N. LAWS.
- For County Commissioner,
B. F. ALLEN.
- For Sheriff,
GEORGE W. MORTON.
- For Treasurer,
ISAAC BERGMAN.
- For School Superintendent,
H. S. LYMAN.
- For Coroner,
W. C. A. POHL.
- ASTORIA PRECINCT.**
For Justice of the Peace,
A. R. CYRUS.
- For Constable,
C. G. UTZINGER.

to render "There is a Fountain Filled With Mud."
Dr. Washington Tilden Williamson closed the speech-making by a learned discourse on the subject, "Shall Mt. Tabor Absorb Portland?" after which the Muscovites retired to dream over the questions propounded. They had fun and plenty of it, and all voted the banquet the most successful of years.

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